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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT CONCERNING INCENTIVES FOR TEACHING IN NEW HAVEN
AND OTHER PRIORITY SCHOOL DISTRICTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to (1) provide a bonus of three
- 2 thousand dollars for beginning teachers in priority school districts; (2)
- 3 provide five thousand dollar bonuses to teachers (A) who agree to
- 4 teach for a minimum of three years in a school on the list of schools in
- 5 need of improvement and (B) in shortage subject areas; (3) appropriate
- 6 one million dollars per priority school district for use by the district to
- 7 reward teachers with one thousand dollars above their base salary if
- 8 they can demonstrate excellent performance by completing portfolios
- 9 of their work; (4) extend the deferral certification requirements for
- 10 bilingual teachers beyond June 30, 2001, for five years to give districts
- 11 flexibility in hiring bilingual education teachers; (5) establish a grant
- 12 program to pay for the cost of certification examinations; (6) establish a
- 13 special teacher recruitment grant for New Haven to award a monetary
- 14 bonus for teacher candidates in shortage areas; (7) establish a tuition

15 relief fund to assist minority teachers in obtaining master degrees; (8)
16 establish a fund to reimburse prospective minority candidates for their
17 traveling and housing expenses when they come to New Haven for a
18 job interview for a shortage area position; and (9) establish a teacher
19 residency model to renovate housing in New Haven and rent it to
20 beginning teachers.

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a number of programs for New Haven to use in its marketing and recruiting strategies for new teachers. To improve the level of compensation for all teachers in priority school districts.